



19 August 2016

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mail to: fyi-request-4348-c8c7c469@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sir/Madam,

Request for official information

I refer to your email dated 1 August 2016, in which you requested 'documents showing notification of any changes in composition of the vertebrate toxic agent DECAL for HSNO Approval code HRS007891 (or HSRS 007891), approved on 25/1/2008'. Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

In response to your request, we have a record of HSNO approval number HSR007891 for the vertebrate toxic agent Pestoff DECAL Possum Bait, which was approved on 18 January 2008. However, the EPA has not received any document that has notified us of any changes in composition for this particular vertebrate toxic agent. We are, therefore, unable to provide you with the information that you have requested. Technically, this is considered to be a refusal of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA.

Section 18(e) of the OIA provides that requests for information may be refused on the ground that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist and that reasonable attempts to locate it have been made.

You have a right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under s 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review of this refusal. You can access information on how to make a complaint at the Ombudsman website: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by telephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allan Freeth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Allan Freeth
Chief Executive
Environmental Protection Authority